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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-5920) (C)

DATE: 11/16/72

FROM : ~~XX~~ STENO JUANICE S. KELLY

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA  
OKTIBBEHA COUNTY, MISS.

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DATE: 11/16/72

FROM : STENO JUANICE S. KELLY

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,  
OKTIBBEHA COUNTY, MISS.

The following is a correlation of information contained in this file:

Serial 2: On 4/19/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised on 4/5/66, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a weekly meeting of the Oktibbeha Klavern of the UKA, Inc. was held at Longview, Miss. The opening ceremonies were conducted by the Exalted Cyclops, HOMER G. RICHIE. There were about nine people present. After the opening ceremonies a discussion was had concerning the program for the night and RICHIE informed the group that in the future it would probably be necessary for them to go underground and that they would have to be careful of their identities in any action that they might take. Also, at the meeting several pages of a book entitled "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" were read, which was an indictment against the Jewish race for their planning to take over all civilization. Present at this meeting were the following individuals who were known to the informant:

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

Two college students from Mississippi State University and whose names the informant did not know.

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Informant advised that they told CLAY HOLMES that they were going to burn a Negro house in the vicinity of Longview, Miss., and the purpose was to see if HOLMES would "back down." HOLMES did not back down and passed the test to the approval of those administering it.

On 4/12/66, a weekly meeting of the Oktibbeha County Klavern of the UKA, Inc. was held at Longview, Miss. There were approximately ten members present and the opening ceremonies were conducted by the Exalted Cyclops, HOMER G. RICHIE. Also, at this meeting a few pages of "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" were read. After this a discussion was had concerning the burning of crosses and no plans were made for crosses to be burned by the Oktibbeha County Klavern as it was felt that this would be a poor move at this time. If any crosses are to be burned they will be done by individuals and not by the Klavern. Those recognized by the informant as being present at this meeting were as follows:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Two college students from  
Mississippi State University

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Serial 3: On 5/11/66, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that on Tuesday, 3/19/66, a regular weekly meeting of the Oktibbeha County Klavern of the UKA, Inc. was held at Longview, Miss. He said that the Exalted Cyclops HOMER G. RICHIE was in charge and opened the meeting with the usual meeting exercise.

There were eight individuals present. The main purpose of the meeting was an announcement by the EC that the Oktibbeha Klavern of the UKA had been suspended. He said that he had info from the State headquarters that he should take up the literature that had been issued and that all members were to turn in any and all books that have been given to them. RICHIE did not exactly say why the Oktibbeha County Klavern had been suspended or why the charter for the group had been revoked, but implied that it was because of the fact that they had been operating without the necessary 25 members which were necessary to belong to a Klavern before it could be legally issued a charter.

Serial 4: On 6/9/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that he had no information whatsoever concerning the Starkville group and did not know if they continued to be active or not.

Serial 5: On 6/15/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that as of 6/15/66, Unit #734 Sturgis and Unit #753 Starkville are active units of the UKA.

Serial 7: On 8/16/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (Protect) advised he attended a northern section meeting of the UKA held in Columbus, Miss., on 8/7/66. He stated this meeting was held in rural route, Columbus, Miss., and the meeting was conducted by DURRELL FONDREN. Informant advised that the northern section of the UKA meets on a regular basis on the first Sunday of each month in Columbus, Miss. The Starkville unit was in attendance at this meeting.

Serial 8: On 9/28/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that Unit #734 of Oktibbeha County is presently dissolved. He also advised that Unit #753 of Oktibbeha County is dissolved.

Serial 9: On 9/28/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised dates UKA units chartered & furnished dues paid by all units in 1966.

Serial 10: On 11/8/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (Protect) stated he had been in contact with HOMER G. RICHIE, EC of the Oktibbeha County, Miss., Klavern of the UKA, Inc., with reference to his being reinstated into the Klavern and with meetings of the Klavern.

Informant stated RICHIE told him the Klavern has not met since last April due to a lack of interest in the members and in himself (RICHIE). Informant stated that RICHIE is undecided as to whether he will try to reactivate the Klavern, but if so, RICHIE advised him that he would contact the informant.

Serial 11A: On 12/20/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (Protect) advised he had been in contact with RICHIE. He said RICHIE told him the Klavern was still inactive although he, RICHIE, was trying to "drum up" some interest and get the Klavern "back on its feet." The informant said RICHIE told him he, RICHIE, had been contacted by the FBI and that he had not told them anything.

Serial 12: On 11/16/66, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised a new unit is being combined at Mathiston from the old UKA units at Mathison, Walthall, Sturgis, and Ackerman.

Serial 13: On 1/18/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised Unit 753 had one present at meeting of Province #1, UKA, Mathiston, Miss., 1/8/67, and source advised Unit 753 presently active in state according to records of Imperial Office at end of Dec., 1966.

Serial 14: On 1/10/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] stated that UKA, Province 1, is comprised of the area laterally between Columbus, Miss., to the west, Greenville, Miss., to the east, and north to the Tenn. line. He stated that Klaverns included in Province 1, which were represented at this meeting were located in the following places: Columbus, Greenwood, Greenville, Mathiston, Starkville, and West Point.

Serial 15: On 1/25/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (Protect) was contacted, at which time he stated he had contacted IKE HEFLIN, a former member of the Oktibbeha County Klavern, concerning any activity of the Klavern. Informant stated HEFLIN told him that he (HEFLIN) was no longer a member and that the Klavern had not met in several months. Informant stated HEFLIN told him that HOMER G. RICHIE has tried off and on to get some interest toward the Klan, but had apparently not been very active. HEFLIN told informant that to his knowledge all the old members were no longer active.

Informant stated that on 1/22/67, he contacted RICHIE, at which time RICHIE stated that he had not done much lately on trying to re-activate the Oktibbeha County Klavern. RICHIE told the informant that apparently he (RICHIE) was the only one who really had much interest in the Klan.

Serial 19: On 7/11/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (protect) advised the Starkville UKA Unit was represented at the UKA, N. Province meeting, 7/2/67, at Columbus, Miss.

Serial 21: On 9/23/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] made available old UKA records which reflected identities of UKA Units 701 through 751. These records also reflect the identities of the EC's and Secretaries of these units as of early 1964.

Unit Number 734

Town	Sturgis, Miss.
County	Oktibbeha
EC	HOWARD CARPENTER
Address	Box 714, Sturgis, Miss.
Phone	None
Kligrapp	MARRION PHILLIPS (marked through); LANCE KIMARD
Address	Rt. 1, Sturgis, Miss. (marked through) Starkville, Miss.

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Serial 22: On 10/18/67, [redacted] advised the Oktibbeha County Unit 753, Starkville, Miss., is completely inactive.

Serial 24: On 6/25/70, [redacted] advised that at a regular weekly meeting of the Lowndes County Klavern No. 740, UKA, 6/9/70, an individual by the name of BUSH, whose first name is unknown to informant, who is from Starkville, Miss., reported on the Negro situation in Starkville. He told of the fact that the Negroes were marching in the streets, had shot into an automobile belonging to a white man, and had made demands of various merchants. He stated they were boycotting certain stores in Starkville.



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Date 11/9/66

JASPER CLAUDE NOWELL, Bradley, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the investigation and of the identity of the interviewing agents. He was further advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he could consult with an attorney or anyone else he so desired before making any statement at all. He gave the following information:

During the early part of 1965, he tried to get into the United Klans of America klavern that was meeting at Sturgis, Mississippi. He said that he made application but was informed that he had been "blackballed" and he was never allowed to join.

NOWELL stated he wanted to join mostly out of curiosity, but also for the fact that a great deal of what the klan stood for was a part of his belief. He said that he felt that as a klanman, he would be a benefit to his community in two ways: one as a person who could use the ideals of the klan to benefit the community, and two, as constable, he would be able to stop any violence that may come of any klan activities.

He stated he does not believe in violence as it has never been an answer to anything.

NOWELL stated that shortly after he was refused membership in the klan the klavern disbanded and has not met for at least eight months to a year.

The following description of NOWELL was obtained by observation and interview:

On 11/8/66 at BRADLEY, MISSISSIPPI File # JACKSON 157-5920-11

by SA BRENT W. WARBERG &

SA JOSEPH C. MC QUILLAN:jnj Date dictated 11/8/66

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Name: JASPER CLAUDE NOWELL

Aliases: J. C., Claudie

Address: Bradley, Mississippi

Date of Birth: 1917

Place of Birth: Neshoba County, Mississippi

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 143

Hair: Brown and gray, receding

Eyes: Gray

Build: Slender

Complexion: Medium, sunken cheeks

Employment: Sturgis Lumber Company and  
Constable

Vehicles: 1963 Chevrolet pickup  
1967 Mississippi license  
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated <b>3/30/66</b> to <b>MARJORIE RUTH KEITH</b> Transcribed <b>4/7/66</b> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <b>3/25/66</b> Date(s) of activity <b>3/15/66 &amp; 3/22/66</b>
Brief description of activity or material <b>Organizational meeting of Oktibbeha County Klavern of UKA, Inc., and identities of those who attended this meeting.</b>		File where original is located if not attached <b>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</b> ✓

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1-157- (UKA, Oktibbeha County) *max*

1-157- (IKE HEFLIN)

1-157- (BUDDY HEFLIN)

1-157- (HOMER G. RICHIE)

1-157- (CLAY HOLMES, JR.)

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